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PART IV.

Official Papers.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS.

CIRCULAR No. 106 Ex.—17-19.

Simla, 29*th September* 1884.

With reference to the 6th and 7th paragraphs of my Circular No. 102—17-10 Ex., dated the 5th September 1884, I am now directed to forward a copy of a Despatch * to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, with appendices, showing the classification proposed for the London Exhibition of 1886, and an estimate of the space which will probably be required. With reference to the classified list, I am to request that the officer appointed to deal with Exhibition arrangements in the Province of may be asked to draw up a preliminary rough list of the artwares, &c., which in his opinion are eligible for exhibition, ranging them under the classes, divisions, and sections of the list. It may be added that the Government of India would be glad if the opportunity were taken of improving and expanding the classified list, or of offering any suggestions on the subject which may be prompted by local knowledge and experience, provided that the general scheme and system adopted be adhered to.

* No. 13, dated the 23rd September 1884.

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No. 13 OF 1884.

To—The Right Honorable the EARL OF KIMBERLEY, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, Simla, the 23rd September 1884.

MY LORD,

We have now the honor to reply to the 8th paragraph of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 105, dated 31st July 1884, asking to be supplied by the 1st of October with a classified statement of objects to be shown at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of 1886, together with an estimate of the space required.

2. First, as to space. Having only received this Despatch on the 22nd of August, we found it impossible to obtain replies from Local Governments and Native States in time to communicate by letter before the 1st October the amount of space required for the whole of India. As it is, the information on which the appended estimate is based is at present incomplete,—some replies being still wanting. Moreover, the plans A and B, stated, in a note to the 9th paragraph of Your Lordship's Despatch, to be annexed, have not yet been received.

3. The requisitions furnished by Local Governments and Departments have been in some cases considerably modified and reduced, and the appended estimate is believed to give the minimum space required for a fully representative collection. Any reduction below 60,000 square feet would cause inconvenient crowding. It will thus be seen that the area suggested in the 9th paragraph of the Despatch under reply, namely 39,500 feet, is about two-thirds of the space which the information we have already received leads us to think will be required. In any case, it would seem difficult to lower the estimate below 50,000 square feet, exclusive of the greater part of Class E. This class will apparently be chiefly filled by European exhibitors, and we have not included in our estimate space for any section of it, except indigenous machinery, although it is necessary to remember that large requisitions in this class may be made by European merchants and manufacturers in India. Nor have we calculated space, in Class D, for private collections of Indian artwares and manufactures which may be contributed in England.

4. The next point is the classification to be adopted in the Exhibition. We append hereto a classified list, which, so far as its general construction is concerned, is based upon the rough scheme enclosed in Your Lordship's Despatch under reply. The most important deviations from the scheme may be briefly indicated :—

Class A, "The Country," has been enlarged by the inclusion in it of all exhibits of an ethnological character.

Class B, "The Administration," is modified so as to bring it into harmony with the administrative divisions of the Empire, one advantage of the change being that each Department can now be made specially responsible for the exhibits under those sections which appertain to it.

Class C, "Products and Primary Manufactures," has been drawn up by officers who have had considerable experience in previous exhibitions, and is made to agree in nomenclature and arrangement with the Economic Dictionary now being prepared in the Revenue and Agriculture Department, a compilation which may serve as a scientific and descriptive catalogue of the exhibits in this class.

The arrangement of Class D, "Arts and Industries," is founded on that of the rough scheme, but the sections have been worked out to suit the special conditions of Indian arts and art-manufactures.

Class E should, we think, be made to cover both indigenous and European processes and machinery made in India (of which interesting exhibits can be shown), and articles regularly imported into India for the use of both the Native and European population ; appropriate divisions have been added accordingly to this class.

5. The following is the general arrangement of Courts which we suggest might be found the most convenient for the location of the collections. Class A and Class B would each be arranged in a separate Court, as Imperial collections. Class C would occupy a third Court, which might be named the Economic Court, and in which the coarser manufactures would be ranged in close proximity to their corresponding raw products. Class D would, in accordance with the recognized practice at recent exhibitions, be grouped in Provincial Courts, for furnishing the exhibits of which the Provincial authorities will be responsible. Class E might form two Courts, one devoted to Indian, and the other to European exhibits.

6. In addition to the Courts thus indicated we presume that a certain portion of the corridors and avenues would be available for large objects, which, from their size, must be shown in open spaces, and that a reasonable extent of out-door space would be procurable for tents and other objects to be displayed in the open air.

7. As it appears important that Your Lordship should receive before the 1st of October some definite idea of the space necessary for Indian exhibits, we have directed a telegram to be despatched to the India Office indicating that the minimum space required is 60,000 square feet, and that the estimate cannot be reduced below 50,000 square feet.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

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